

### Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/875,301

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

1742

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment submitted 10/17/03 and Examiner's amendment on 11/25/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 11-13, 21 and 22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
  - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)                   |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                       | 6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>11252003</u> |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No. _____  | 7 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                           |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance          |
|   | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |

### DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to the Amendment submitted October 17, 2003. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-8, 11-13, and 15-22 are currently pending in this application.

#### **Election/Restriction**

1. Non-elected claims 15-20 have been cancelled by Examiner's amendment as set forth below. Applicant may re-file said claims in a divisional application.

#### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

2. The 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejections as set forth in the previous Office action have been **withdrawn** in view of the amendment submitted by Applicant on October 17, 2003.

#### **Examiner's Amendment**

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Mr. William Krayner was notified by telephone on November 25, 2003, that claims 15-20 would be cancelled by Examiner's amendment.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

**In the claims:**

Claims 15-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicant may re-file said claims in a divisional application.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

5. Claims 1-8, 11-13, and 21-22 are allowed over the prior art of record.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1 and 22, the specific method of making a hard surface on an internal annular portion of a spinning rotor cup which includes colloidal suspension of sodium silicate in the form  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}-x\text{SiO}_2$  ( $x \rightarrow 2.55$  by weight) was not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Regarding claim 8, the specific method of electrolytically forming a hard ceramic surface internal annular surface of a collection groove of a spinning rotor cup was not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Regarding claim 21, the specific method of electrolytically forming a hard ceramic surface internal annular surface of a spinning rotor cup where an electrode is placed inside said spinning rotor cup and said electrode comprising a body and a downwardly oriented peripheral flange was not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

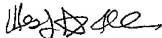
***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wesley Nicolas whose telephone number is (703)305-0082. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 7am to 5pm.

The Supervisory Primary Examiner for this Art Unit is Roy King whose telephone number is (703) 308-1146.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.



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PATENT EXAMINER

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